

Meeting Minutes
Silver Spring Camera Club Board Meeting
February 22, 2018

Location: Silver Spring United Methodist Church, 8900 Georgia Ave., Silver Spring

Start time: 7:30 pm; Adjourned 9:30 pm

Board Members in Attendance: Catherine Honigsberg, Bob Catlett, Tanya Riseman, Wendy Kates, Pete Morton, Mark Paster, Phil Boyer, Sue Green, Dennis Freeman, Renee Schaefer, Bruce Schaefer, Larry Gold, Michael Koren, David Blass

Regrets: Andrew Rein, Norm Bernache

Attendees: Michael Hickey

Committee Chair Reports:

Treasurer: There are 3 new members, giving a total of 89 members, 25 of which are new. There is a projected profit in the operating account. The cost of liability insurance \$668 can be covered in the current budget.

There was a motion to obtain liability insurance up to a cost of \$700 for the next club year; it passed by a vote of 12-2. There was a discussion that contributions from Board members would be solicited to help defray the costs.

Other Committee Chair reports:

Programming: Renee reported we have speakers and judges through the end of the year.

There are still no judges for the portfolio review; three are being sought. Renee is assisting Tanya in finding judges. There was a discussion of whether a fee should be charged to take part. It was generally supported that a fee of \$5 for members and \$15 for nonmembers could be charged if the judges charged us.

There was a discussion of the issue that some clubs get judges for free, and whether we should pay less than \$75; this will be discussed at a future meeting.

Field Trips: We need the writeup for the Fells Point trip and we are adding a FONZ trip in April.

Website: No Update

Cable Release: Dennis is will be working on a redesign for the upcoming PSA competition.

Nominations: No report. Need to review the board positions.

Competition: The extra projector was brought up since we now have a storage cabinet. We are unsure of where it is – check with Andrew.

Membership: Michael shared his findings on using a merchant account for on-line payments. The Square had the best price for hardware and percentage of sales using PayPal which also had a charge. Phil will donate an iPhone and Michael will look into setting up the account to save money to collect funds for membership and field trips where nonmembers attend.

Honor Fund: No report

PSA: Pete submitted The Cable Release to PSA's competition.

Maryland Photo Alliance: Michael reported that they are developing a Judging Program who will train judges, who will then work for free.

The photo exhibit at Annapolis State House will be up until April 20th.

Year-End Event: The event will be held on June 14th. We will pick up the submissions at the May competition on the 10th. The Judging will be one week later and the certificates are to be printed by the 17th.

Tanya will begin looking for the judge. Membership is to start looking for door prizes.

There was a discussion of door prizes and raffle prizes, including whether to have them and how to distribute raffle prizes. It was decided to keep them to maintain the relationship with our sponsors. Bruce and Renee will help solicit the door prizes.

Constitution Review: The process of reviewing the proposed changes to the Constitution began tonight and will continue the next board meeting. The board reviewed and approved proposed changes and is about 70% complete.

Main Topic for Discussion:

Liability Insurance. See above

Zed's Coffee House: Gene reported that they were willing to show SSCC work; Gene and Phil will check it out over the holidays – No report

Projector: see above

Membership Anniversary: Catherine will prepare certificates for the Year-End Event for milestone years of membership.

E-blasts: There was discussion of the links not working and creating a new template. Dennis volunteered to fix the link problem. Mark and Dennis will look into the new template. – No Report